CONOVER NEIGHBOR



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Under Construction

The City has just approved a new multi-tenant shopping center to be located at 820 Conover Blvd. W. This site is the former Saia Trucking terminal, which will be demolished to make way for the new retail center. The center will be immediately next door to the Southern States that is currently under construction. While no tenants have been announced, there will be up to 11 different retail or restaurant spaces within the center. This infill development shows a positive trend in redeveloping underutilized sites in Conover. For more information, contact the Conover Planning Department at 828-464-1191.



Home Fire Safety

Everyone in your family has a role to play in your home's fire safety. Both adults and kids should be familiar with smoke alarms and home fire escape planning.

Kid's Checklist:

- Does your home have smoke alarms on every level, inside each bedroom, and outside each sleeping area?
- Do you know the sound that a smoke alarm makes?
- Do you know what to do if your smoke alarm sounds?
- Are all of the exits in your home clear of furniture, toys, and clutter?
- Can you see the number on your house from the street? (Have a grown-up go with you to check.)
- Has your family picked a safe place to meet outside if a fire occurs?

Grown-up's Checklist:

- Are the batteries working in all of your smoke alarms?
- Does your home have interconnected smoke alarms? (When one sounds, do they all sound?)
- Do you test the batteries in the smoke alarms at least once a month?
- Does your family have a home fire escape plan that includes two ways out of each room?
- Does your entire family practice your plan twice a year?

The Conover Fire Department urges everyone to take your role in Fire Safety seriously. If you have any questions, please call 464-1295.

Planning Ahead:

City Council: Meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Conover City Hall Planning Board: Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Conover City Hall





The Manufacturing Academy is a new program at Catawba Valley Community College designed to prepare students for a career in the manufacturing industry. Companies are looking for qualified job candidates who demonstrate the commitment to develop the skills necessary for a career in manufacturing.

Training includes manufacturing fundamentals, problem solving, effective communication, team building, and lean manufacturing techniques. In addition, participants will complete the OSHA 10 course requirements.

Activities will include tours of four manufacturing sites as well as multiple opportunities to interact with representatives from Catawba County manufacturing employers.

Did You Know?

- * The majority of manufacturing jobs are skilled positions.
- * The Greater Hickory Metro Area is the 8th largest manufacturing MSA in the United States and the largest in the Carolinas.
- * There are currently over 3,000 available manufacturing jobs in the Greater Hickory Metro area.
- * The Manufacturing Academy at CVCC was created to provide you with the skills needed to fill these jobs.
- * The program content was developed by 25 partner companies from across Catawba County and is designed to establish the core knowledge desired by manufacturers.

Get the experience you need today to start a new career tomorrow by calling <u>Kristen Wright at 828-327-7000 ext. 4294</u>

For more information visit...

www.cvcc.edu/manufacturingacademy